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SUBJECT: MNLF LEADER NUR MISUARI REACTION TO ZAMBOANGAN MEETING

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1. IN STATEMENT GIVEN MAY 4 TO LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY MISUARI SPEAKS OUT ON ZAMBOANGA DIALOGUE, GIVES DETAILS OF FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES, SETS FORTH MNLF POSITION ON PEACE TALKS, AND EXPRESSES THTFKS FOR LIBYAN AID.

2. ZAMBOANGA CONFERENCE: MISUARI TOLD LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY THAT THOSE WHO TOOK PART WERE ALL OFFICIALS OF MARCOS GOVT, AND REPRESENTED ONLY THEMSELVES. THEY WERE CARRYING OUT GOVT ORDERS FROM FEAR OF REPRISALS. MNLF HAD REFUSED TO TAKE PART, AND WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN PEACE OR TRUCE TALKS UNLESS THEY WERE HELD IN NEUTRAL CAPITAL. DESIGNATION OF MISUARI'S BIRTHPLACE KAMBIANGAN-SULU, A SMALL ISLAND, HARDLY MORE THAN VILLAGE, WAS PROPAGANDA ATTEMPT TO SHOW MNLF LACKED SUPPORT EVEN THERE.

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3. NO CEASEFIRE: FIGHTING WILL CONTINUE. MARCOS'

SO-CALLED CEASEFIRES ARE ONLY TRICKS TO GET REVOLUTIONARIES TO LAY DOWN THEIR GUNS, SO THAT THEY CAN BE ATTACKED WHEN THEY ARE DEFENSELESS. IN ZAMBOANGA ALONE MORE THAN 1500 PEOPLE HAD BEEN BUTCHERED. MNLF HAD DESTROYED SMALL NAVAL VESSEL, TWO APC'S, ONE ARMORED CAR, AND 83 HAD BEEN KILLED AND 87 OTHERS WOUNDED, IN ATTACKS LAUNCHED BY GOVT IN THE PROVINCE OF BASILAN. (IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM TEXT TO WHICH SIDE CASUALTY FIGURES APPLY.) FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN HULU (SULU?), TAWI TAWI, NORTH AND SOUTH ZAMBOANGA, KUTABATU, DABAO, LANA O, BUKADANON (ALL PHONETIC), AND MNLF HAD CAPTURED HEAVY AND LIGHT WEAPONS OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURE.

4. PEACE TALKS: MNLF POSITION ON PEACE TALKS IS THAT THEY ARE POINTLESS AS LONG AS MARCOS GOVT REFUSES DEMANDS OF MUSLIMS IN SOUTH FOR "INTERNAL INDEPENDENCE" WITHIN CONTEXT OF PHILIPPINES. (COMMENT: ARABIC FORMULA USED IS CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN USUAL TERM FOR AUTONOMY, ISTIQLAL DATI, RATHER THAN HUKM DATI). WE DO NOT DEMAND SECESSION AS MARCOS CLAIMS, BUT WE DEMAND "INTERNAL POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE" AS PROVIDED FOR IN RESOLUTIONS OF KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE. WE WILL BRING MATTER UP AGAIN BEFORE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN RIYADH IN JULY. FRONT IS CALLING ON ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO BRING PRESSURE OF MARCOS GOVT TO IMPLEMENT KUALA LUMPUR RESOLUTIONS WHICH PROVIDE FOR PEACE TALKS WITH AIM OF GRANTING INTERNAL POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE TO SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

5. LIBYAN SUPPORT: MNLF THANKS LIBYAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVT FOR MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TOWARD CONTINUING COMDT AND STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION UNTIL VICTORY. LIBYAN REVOLUTION IS HOPE OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES WHO STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND LIBERATION, IN PARTICULAR MUSLIM PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

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